



WALPOLE

Prepared for BCT Map and info packet

Town Forest – 625 acres including mixed forest, ledge outcroppings, wetland areas and an extensive trail network for hiking horseback riding and mountain biking (except in wet season) and cross-country skiing. Scenic route along the banks of the Neponset River (fishing). Breathtaking views from the “White Bridge” and a fascinating old dam and waterfall circa 1650 are special features. BCT takes hikers along this route. “Duffy’s Point” located on a spur trail approx. .25 miles from the “White Bridge” is a peninsula extending into the river that provides special views. An ancient cemetery with headstones dating back to the early 18th century is also intriguing. This is located on the trail opposite “White Bridge” just 200 yards or so down the pathway on your left. A monument commemorating the dedication of the town forest by Lt. Governor Grover Cleveland on May 5, 1916 is located in the forest just behind the H.S. football field and track. Records indicate this to be the 3rd town forest in the state. Parking at the H.S. on Common St. and on South St. east of Washington St.

Adams Farm – 300 acres of town-owned land includes expansive fields, mixed forest, rock outcroppings, stonewalls, vernal pools, and wetland areas providing an excellent wildlife habitat. Trails for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking (except in wet season) and cross-country skiing. Adjoins Hilltop Farm trails. Parking on North St. near Brook St. intersection.

Hill Top Farm – xx acres of county-owned land located on North St. near Rt. 109 behind the white post & board fence as you enter Walpole. Expansive fields (views to Blue Hill’s Reservation in Milton & Boston skyline), mixed forest, ledge outcroppings, wetlands and a babbling brook. Students of Norfolk County Agricultural School use this property for farming, forestry, and environmental workshops. Trails are adjacent to Adams Farm trails and are accessed via Adams Farm trails only. No parking available.

Norfolk County Agricultural School – Established in 1916 and surrounded by nearly 300 acres of open fields and mixed forestland, this 4-year regional H.S. provides vocational education to 28 neighboring towns. Programs currently include Agricultural mechanics, Animal Science, Plant & Environmental Science in addition to academics. The beautiful, campus-style setting is located on Main St. at the intersection of Fisher St. Agricultural fairs, horse shows and plant exhibits and sales are held periodically throughout the year. (See also “Hill Top Farm”). Access to trails via North St. No parking available.

Bird Park – 89 acres of privately –owned trust land open to the public. Land is mostly open and partially wooded. Paved pathways throughout the property provide for a pleasant 1-mile walk or jog past manicured lawns, wild flowers and peaceful surroundings preserved for your enjoyment. Tennis courts, playground, bandstand. Parking on Polley Lane, Gate Way and Washington St.

Great Cedar Swamp – xxx acres of swampland and hemlock groves; historically significant as a substantial economic resource to shipbuilders and carpenters in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Unique characteristics of the land leave a lasting impression. Wetland vegetation and the special habitat provide for a wide variety of wildlife. A recent donation of 60 acres has been added to the area. Limited trails for the adventurous. Plans to develop a trail system are underway. Access from Production Rd. at the RR crossing.

The Old Indian Trail – xxx acres of land including a recent 80 acre donation by Anna Bird, this trail is purported to have been a main thoroughfare used by the Indians prior to the 18th century. A long, winding trail atop an ancient esker, provides glimpses of Mine Brook and various kettle holes. Mixed forest and stands of white pines. The BCT takes hikers along this route. Bring your binoculars and watch for blue herons. Access via Leonard Rd. at the Water Treatment Plant. Park on the road.

The Pinnacle – 17.5 acres of conservation land along the south bank of the Neponset River in the Plimptonville section of town. Beautiful and peaceful natural area includes a 200' high precipice ("the pinnacle") overlooking 1100' of riverfront. See stands of huge hemlocks and beech trees, springs, glacial kettle holes and streams. Once the site of an ancient Indian fishing and camping ground, it is said that the great Massachusetts Indian, Sachem, Chicatabut, maintained his wigwam atop "the pinnacle" in 1685. The Indians were driven from the area by Lt. Barachia Lewis in 1690. A statue of the Lieutenant mounted on his horse stands today at the nearby intersection of Plimpton & East Streets. The trailhead is east of Plimpton St. about 0.7 miles from Main St. and 0.1 mile from East St. Look for trailhead sign and timber steps going up the old New Haven RR grade just north of the Plimpton & Hemlock Street intersection.

Clark Pond Conservation Area – xx acres consisting mostly of Clark Pond and limited abutting forestland which includes a portion of the BCT. Picnic area, fishing. Parking on Stone St. near Massachusetts Ave.

Turner Pond – xx acres, donated by the Turner family, consists mostly of the pond and a small picnic area. Limited trails accessed via Millbrook Rd. near the gate. Small outbuilding used for town-organized events. Ice-skating, fishing. Parking on Elm St.

Allen Dam Pond – xx acres of town-owned land, consisting mostly of an extensive pond bounded by steep grade (children should be accompanied by an adult) and surrounded by open fields and mixed forestland. An intriguing site to visit. Limited parking on Washington St. near Stone St. intersection.

Walpole Trails Committee – Formed in 1998, the committee's objectives are to oversee the maintenance of conservation land and trails, work with the Conservation Commission on the creation of trail easements, coordinate and supervise maintenance and marking of trails on town land, coordinate linkage with trails supervised by the Town Forest Committee, act as intermediary with trail committees from adjacent towns and other trail-related organizations, coordinate and supervise mapping and map production for all town trails. Contact the Conservation Commission for more information.